HOLLYWOOD

Mrs. Ioan Mayberry spent several days last week with her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stokes of Brookneal.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman Sunday were Mrs. Lougenia Doss, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Mrs. Earl Robinson and Mr. Calvin Smith.

We are very sorry to hear Mrs. Paul Balthaser fell and sprained her foot last week. We pray she may have a speedy recovery.

Mr. Elmo Banton and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gene Banton of Richmond spent Saturday with Mrs. C. R. Banton. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Austin & Tom visited Mrs. Banton Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson were visitors Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. James Shuford of Saxe. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall & Lisa called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jenkins of Lynchburg visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. David Austin and family and Mr. H. W. Jenkins Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner celebrated their daughter's Delorious Ann birthday Sunday. Those present were Mrs. Ioan Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mayberry Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson William and April, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Julia and Kenneth Wingfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb, Miss Joyce Webb and Miss Odell Webb were visitors Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Inge of Concord.

Mrs. W. T. Covington spent several days last week in Farmville with Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mayberry of Newport News were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy St. John of Charlotte Court House and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family. Mrs. Ioan Mayberry who had been spending some time in the Deaner home returned home with her son Sunday.

Mrs. Ruby Woodall and Mrs. Mary Bagby visited Mrs. Ruth Tweedy and family and Mr. James Woodall Wednesday morning.

We are so glad to hear at this time Mr. Whit Woodall who was taken back to the Lynchburg Hospital last week is improving.

Mrs. Thomas Woodall took Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall to Richmond Thursday. Mr. Woodall went to the Eye Hospital for a check-up. We are so glad he got a good report about his eye while there.

Mrs. David Austin and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa visited Mrs. Mary Bagby Sunday night.

Mr. Doug Webb and Miss Sheila Franklin visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall & Lisa visited Debbie Woodall and family, Mr. Whit Woodall at the hospital and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Woodall in their homes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall visited Mrs. Whit Woodall in home and Mr. Whit Woodall in the hospital and Mr. and Mrs. Walder Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodall Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Mann and Mrs. James Maxwell were visitors last week of Mrs. Mary Bagby. Others calling in this home during the week were Mrs. Francis Paulette, Mrs. Raymond Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mr. Leslie Goin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond, Jeff and Jody Kendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson, William and April Watson.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

No doubt about it, daylight hours are getting shorter, Full moon, Tuesday the 27th, will find daylight hours an even twelve. Many of our fine workers are up before sunrise; what with shift work, there is no dull hour in and around historic Appomattox. There are peak hours of activity, but nary a period of complete silence.

Off to a good start today, with a big slice of locally grown watermelon for breakfast. Given me by a thoughtful friend. Reminds me of the fellow who was offered a huge watermelon for free provided he ate all of it. He said he had to go home but would return shortly. He did, and upon his return proceded to meet the challenge, eating the big melon. His host asked him why he had to go home before eating the melon, and the fellow said that he happened to have a melon the same size at home, and he went home and "after I ate all of mine I knew I could eat yours."

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Area football fans are mostly grim this week. Hampden-Sydney won over Sewanee, but most Virginia teams had a dismal week end. Madison lost to Towson State, Emery and Henry lost to Maryville, Randolph - Macon lost to Shephard, Richmond lost to Carolina, Virginia lost to Texas, VPI & SU lost to Texas A&M, VMI lost to Army, William and Mary lost to Pittsburgh, Washington and Lee lost to Davidson. And the Redskins lost to the Giants. And alas, Slippery Rock lost to Millersville. But the two high schools I attended won. Culpeper 29, Louisa 14; Woodrow Wilson of Portsmouth 14, Manor 0. ACHS's cross team is gaining momentum and needs your support. Phil Jamerson, of Appomattox is a freshman lineman at Clemson. Billy Johnson, of Buckingham, is a freshman fullback at North Carolina.

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The price of gasoline is on everyone's mind. From The Congressional Record I clipped a list of current gasoline prices around the world. In the USA, the average is 66c. In Italy it is $2.23, Uruguay $2.11, India $1.79; Tokyo, Japan $1.68; Denmark $1.65, Norway $1.65, Austria $1.50, Germany $1.48; London, England $1.44; Argentina $1.27.

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Just wondering . . . time was when most every homestead had a grindstone. Now, I wonder who has one. No, I do not want to borrow one, was just wondering.

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Was at home on Martha Street catching up on my reading, when heard sweet music. Was the local school band. And I mean it sounded great. A verse of No. 88 for this group, their leaders and supporters.

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At large . . . saw two youngsters enjoying the thrill of being barefoot . . . the bulletin board of United Memorial Methodist Church has a new coat of paint . . . the churchyard at St. Anne's has been improved . . . latest figures indicate there are 216 million of us in the United States and 90.7 are employed . . . two of Virginia's court houses were designed by Thomas Jefferson, Buckingham and Pittsaelle. The one at Buckingham burned in 1869, was rebuilt in 1873 and renovated in 1976 and is a Virginia Landmark. Congratulations to Dr. Frank T. Hanenkrat, prominent native of Appomattox and associate professor of English at Lynchburg College. His new book, "Wildlife Watcher's Handbook" is being acclaimed. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hanenkrat, of Appomattox. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

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Todd Roach, Nora Handy, Grover Beasley, Jr., Thelma Conner, Pat Seay, Marsha Ryan, Elaine Taylor, Minerva Torrence, Freddy Kraatz, and Rena Litchford, all employees of Amelia Dress Company, will be going out next Tues., September 27 to donate a unit of blood for the first of four planned visits by the Bloodmobile to Appomattox County. Todd Roach and Rena Litchford will be first time donors, all others are previous donors and they all urge YOU to come out and join them in donating a unit of your lifesaving blood.

Bloodmobile Visit Planned For Tuesday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its first of four planned visits to Appomattox County on Tuesday of next week and in order to meet our quota for the visit a total of 110 units of blood must be donated.

Seventeen year olds are reminded that they must have consent forms in order to donate blood. These forms are available at the office at Appomattox County High School. Pick one up, have your parent or guardian sign it and begin the habit of giving blood NOW!

A nursery will be provided for children of blood donors and the Appomattox Woman's Club will be in charge of the Canteen for this visit.

Appomattox County residents have never let down in their support of this most vital program. Make your plans now to stop by Liberty Baptist Church on Tuesday, September 27th, from noon till 6 p. m. and give a unit of blood. Let's keep our quota over the top at each visit.

FmHA REVISES FORMULA FOR DROUGHT EMERGENCY WATER SYSTEM GRANTS:

A more liberal formula for determining the amount of grant funds, supplementing loans available for improvement of rural community water systems affected by drought, has been put into effect in Virginia by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), the agency's Acting State Director, Mr. Marion V. Baker, announced today.

FmHA administers emergency loans and grants under President Carter's drought assistance program to help rural communities having diminished water supplies, resulting from drought conditions, in designated areas. 92 counties and 7 independent cities in Virginia have been declared eligible for projects approved must be made in time for funds to be obligated by Sept. 30, 1977.

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IMMUNIZATIONS-DISEASE SERVICE PROVIDED FREE BY COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.

Officials of the Appomattox County Health Department emphasized today that routine immunizations and veneral disease services will henceforth be provided without charge by the department to anyone seeking them.

"This is an attempt to remove as many barriers as possible to preventive health care services," said Dr. Joanna H. Harris, director of the health unit.

Since 1975 local health directors have been authorized to charge for certain services. Many local health departments chose not to charge for immunization or veneral disease services. The Appomattox County Health Department has been charging for most of these

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Football Contest Winners Named

Winners in the weekly Football Contest sponsored by area businesses have been announced by the TIMES-VIRGINIAN for last week's contest.

Chip Hernealf of Appomattox is first place winner with 20 correct games picked out of a possible 22 games.

John Hannon Wilson of Appomattox, also, was the winner of second place with 19 games correctly picked out of the possible 22 games.

Chip Hernealf will receive a check in the amount of $10.00 as first place prize from the TIMES-VIRGINIAN and John H. Wilson will receive a check in the amount of $5.00 for second place.

Be sure and enter the contest this week and get your entry into this newspaper – you may just be the winner next time.

Entertainment Set For Railroad Day

The Railroad Festival will soon be here and the Appomattox County Jaycees have gotten seven musical groups to entertain you Saturday and Sunday of the festival. The music entertainment will start at 1 p.m. and run till 5 p.m.

On Saturday we have Smoky Hollow Grass from Monroe, Travelin Co. from Appomattox, Howard Hudson and the County Rythems featuring the Owens Brother Trio from Blackstone on Saturday, we have Little George and the Hill City Cutups from Lynchburg, Fellowship 4 and Jackie from Appomattox. The James River Five from New London, and the Central Baptist Youth Choir.

The two days of sights and sounds come out to the Appomattox Railroad Festival, October 8 and 9th. The railroad festival is for you!

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

"Southern Accreditation in Appomattox Schools" is the topic of a slide presentation to be given by Mrs. Carolyn Coleman at the meeting.

Mrs. Coleman is a teacher in the Appomattox County Public School System. The program will be of interest to members of the Lions Club and all members will want to be present.

Train Display For Railroad Day

The Roanoke Chapter National Railroad Historical Society will have a display at the 1977 Railroad Day Festival at Appomattox. The Festival to be held on October 8 and 9 will feature the train display consisting of two (2) railroad passenger cars and a working steam locomotive.

According to David Helmer, executive director of the Roanoke Chapter, the pride of its fleet, the streamlined number 1220, "The Carol Jensen" will be opened to the public both days next to the ole depot. Members of the Roanoke Chapter will be on hand to sell cold drinks and a wide variety of railroad souvenirs.

The diner-sleeper number 1220 was built in 1947 for the Great Northern Railway. It was acquired by the Roanoke Chapter N. R. H. S. in 1973 and was completely renovated. The car is a combination diner-sleeper and was recently used by the chapter as a diner for the National Railroad Historical Society's "Rolling Convention" this past Labor Day.

Also, included in the display will be number 1204, a former Southern Railway Coach which has been redone inside to be

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To Head Blood Program In County

Mrs. Nina B. Beasley, right, and Mrs. Ginny Towns, left, have been named Chairman and Co-Chairman, respectively, for the Blood Program in Appomattox County.

According to an announcement from Grover P. Beasley, Jr., Chairman of the Red Cross Program for Appomattox County, the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club will continue as the sponsoring organization with Mrs. Mary Katherine Whitehead serving as their representative.

Members of the Junior Woman's Club heading various recruiting jobs will be Paige Nolen, nurses; Pam Chenault, nursery workers for children of donors; Donna Miller, typists, Arlene Stratton, labelers, and Linda Jo Mays, canteen. If you can spare a few hours to assist in any of these voluntary areas, please contact any of the above chairmen. Volunteer workers are always needed and your assistance will be appreciated.

Members of the Junior Woman's Club have done an outstanding job in previous years and we are confident they will continue the good work. You can make it much easier for them if you can volunteer some of your time.

Rev. Earnie Lucas will be in charge of radio publicity.

Pictured above seated l. to r. are Mrs. Bunny Sheppard and Dr. Terry Scheatz. Standing l. to r. are Mrs. Linda Archer and Mr. Victor Meadows. Mrs. Sheppard and Dr. Schwartz from the University of Virginia, are working with the school division this year in the implementation and evaluation of a career guidance program. Mrs. Archer is guidance counselor at ACHS and Mr. Meadows is a counselor in the Appomattox Middle School. They are working in their first year of counseling in the school system with Mrs. Harriett Hames and Mrs. Joyce Jamerson, counselors at ACHS, and Mrs. Bolling Carter, AMS counselor, in the implementation of a comprehensive guidance program, with emphasis on career guidance.

School Board Begins Program of Career Guidance

The Appomattox County School Board has been awarded a grant of $80,000 under Title IV-C of Public Law 93-380 to implement a model program of career guidance. This is the first year of the program which will be funded for two succeeding years.

Providing students in grades seven through twelve with a comprehensive guidance program with strong emphasis on career guidance is the main purpose of this project. The objective of this project supports one of the basic purposes of the school which is to assist students to be prepared, upon graduation from high school, to enter the world of work or to continue formal education beyond high school.

Learning experiences and instruction of this project will supplement the total school program in helping students to 1) develop a positive and realistic self-image, 2) understand and appreciate the world of work and leisure time activities, 3) become aware of careers, 4) understand the process of career planning and decision making, 5) acquire employability skills and 6) gain educational and occupational placement.

Congress Approves Water Shed Project Planning

Robert E. McClenny, Jr., District Conservationist for the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District, announced last week that money has been allocated to begin planning a watershed project for the Upper Appomattox River. The possible results of such a project may be the construction of dams along the river to provide flood protection for the Farmville area and as a water source for both Appomattox and Farmville.

Application for funds was made in 1972 prior to Hurrican Agnes and the original sponsors were the counties of Appomattox, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Buckingham, The Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District and the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District. Farmville, though interested, was not one of the original sponsors until Hurrican Agnes rekindled interest. More recently the Town of Appomattox has also become a co-sponser because of its interest in municipal water.

While alternatives to dams will have to be considered, it appears that some dams will have to be constructed to give adequate protection to the agricultural bottom lands and to provide municipal water. Back in 1972, ten sites were selected for the preliminary work but since that time the National Environmental Protection Act requires that all alternates to flood control be considered, including floods, vegetive cover, and the cause of possible flood areas.

Of the ten sites, six were planned for the County of Appomattox with two close enough to the Town of Appomattox to provide municipal water if plans determine that these original sites are feasible.

Plans for the project will take approximately three years. The activities of the watershed are directed by Upper Appomattox Water Shed Project Association. Directors from Appomattox County are J. B. Drinkard, William Hix, Charles Torrence, O. Hunter Talley, Jim Cobb and Jim Smith.

ACS Unit Recognizes Dr. O'Brien

At the annual meeting of the American Cancer Society, Appomattox County Unit held on Monday night, Dr. C. G. O'Brien, right, was presented a silver plaque from members of the board in recognition of his eight years of outstanding service while serving as President of the Appomattox County Unit, ACS.

The plaque was presented to Dr. O'Brien by Mrs. Janet Noble, newly elected President of the local unit, on behalf of the board. On the left in the above photo is George Smith, Service Unit Representative in this area.

On the silver plaque was the emblem of the American Cancer Society and engraved with the name of Dr. C. G. O'Brien, In Recognition of Outstanding Service as President, 1969-1977. Even though Dr. O'Brien has resigned as President of the local unit, he still plans to take a very active part in the projects planned by the Appomatox County Unit, American Cancer Society.

Celebrity Chairman For Bike-A-Thon

Mrs. Janet Noble, President of the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society, has announced that Miss Tamara Nash will serve as Celebrity Chairman for the Annual Bike-A-Thon.

Members of the Appomattox County 4-H Clubs will lead off the Bike-A-Thon again this year.

Tamara, 16 years old, is a junior at Appomattox County High and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Nash. She is quite active in 4-H work.

The Sixth Annual Bike-A-Thon will be held on October 16th beginning at 2 p.m.

Both adults and teens are invited to participate in the 10 mile ride to raise funds that will help in the fight against cancer.

Assisting With Comprehensive Plan

Editor's Note: The following is the first in a series explaining the elements of the comprehensive planning process for Appomattox County and Town. Local governments are required by Virginia law to prepare a comprehensive plan by 1980. Appomattox County and Town have begun comprehensive planning with technical assistance from the Central Virginia Planning District Commission.

Bill Britton, Appomattox town manager, emphasized the need for citizen participation in development of the plan. The plan is to state what the citizens of the county and town want with recommendations for achieving desired goals.

The studies of population and economic conditions in Appomattox County and Town are two of the elements that make up the comprehen-planning process.

The population study is a building-block element, as this information provides the basis for following elements.

Population estimates and projections of future population logically determine the nature of planning required. For example, schools, highways and water and sewer facilities must be planned according to the number and location of county and town citizens.

The population study will include the number and location of people living in the county and town. This information will be provided by analyzing federal census information, estimates from the Taylor-Murphy Institute and local knowledge of the area. Projected population through the Year 2000 will also be analyzed.

Existing economic conditions will be studied along with economic goals desired for the future. Analysis of the present economy will include such factors as income, retail sales, labor force and employment trends. Employment projections will be developed to help determine such needs as public facilities.

Goals and objectives for the future will be developed by citizen participation and the Appomattox County Planning Commission. Public meetings will be scheduled during the planning process to encourage residents of the county and town to voice their opinions.

Goals developed by the citizens will determine which types of economic development would be most beneficial to the town and county. Based on these goals, an economic development program will be prepared as part of the plan. It will present methods of attaining the economic goals. For example, tax methods might be recommended for encouraging or discouraging industrial or other forms of economic development.

Succeeding articles will explain such other elements of comprehensive planning as land use, housing, transportation, utilities and public facilities.

APPOMATTOX GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Monday night, Sept. 26 at Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch - 7:30 p.m. guest speaker, Mrs. Clyde Nash. Mrs. Nash will show us how to preserve the radiance of summer to brighten the drabness of winter with her dried arrangements. Garden clubbers don't miss this meeting, come and bring a guest with you. Artistic Exhibit "Summer's Last Bloom - Line Design." Horticulture Exhibit will be seasonal specimens.

Tobacco Hearings Announced

A series of public hearings concerning the current Tobacco Price Support Program has recently been announced by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The dates, times and locations are as follows:

Sept. 20 - Live Oak, Florda, 2 p.m., Agricultural Center

Sept. 21 - Tifton, Georgia, 10 a.m., Rural Development Center.

Sept. 22 Fayetteseville, North Carolina, 9:30 a.m., Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium

Sept. 23 Florence, South Carolina, 9:30 a.m., Hound Auditorium, Florence - Darlington Education Center

Sept. 27 South Hill, Virginia, 9:30 a.m., American Legion Hall

Oct. 3 Winston Salem, North Carolina, 9:30 a.m., Benton Convention Center

Oct. 7 - Greensville, North Carolina, 9:30 a.m., Moose Lodge

On August 24, Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland announced the formation of a special Task Force to review the Tobacco Program and to develop recommendations for presenting it. At that time, the Secretary also appointed P. R. (Bobby) Smith as Task Force Head. Mr. Smith will chair all hearings.

The public hearings are intended to allow producers and other segments of the tobacco industry, as well as the general public, to make comments regarding the program before recommendations are forwarded to the Secretary.